PASSED FOUR BILLS OF IMPOR-TANCE YESTERDAY.

THREE WERE POSTAL BILLS.

REGULAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION

Congressman Grow Takes a Shot at the President's Observations on the Tariff-Senate in Session Less Then Half

an Hour.

Washington, Dec. 8.-The house, without wasting time, proceeded to husiness today, and before the session closed had passed three bills of considerable importunce and the first of the regular supply

Three of the bills related to postal matters. One provided for the use of private malling cards of the same general size and character as the present postal cards, when 1-cent stamps are affixed; another provided for a limited indemnity of \$19 for the loss of registered mall matter, and the third provided for a private carrier service in towns and villages where no free delivery exists. It provides that, on the application of twenty persons receiving their mail at the same office, the postmaster shall appoint such persons as are willing to undertake the collection and delivery of mails, the charge not to exceed 1 cent for each letter, and the charges all to be paid by the beneficiaries.

The pension bill was passed without factious opposition, but Mr. Grow, of Pennsylvania, took occasion in the debate to submit some views in favor of higher tariff duties, based on that portion of the president's message relating to the tariff. The bill carries \$141,263,880, about \$75,000,000 less than the law for the current year.

Mr. Grow, in his remarks, said that the deficit for the first year's life of the Wilson law was \$25,000,000; for the second, \$45,090,000, and for the first five months of this year, \$40,976,552. Yet, he said, the president had not seen fit, with these large deficits, to recommend any measure for the increase of revenue. The necessity for revenue, he argued, could not be denied, in the face of the figures submitted by the president himself. It was, he declared, purely a business question. He showed that importations were increasing and the revenues decreasing. It indicated, he said. lack of business capacity in the imposition

Mr. Grow received a round of applause from the Republican side when he con-

The notice given by Mr. Thomas E. Watson of contest against Mr. J. C. Black, of Georgia, who was elected at a special elec-tion last spring, was read to the house and referred to the committee on electi after which, at 4:20 p. m., the house ad-

The notice of the opening of a Cuban dis terest developed to-day at the brief sessiof the senate, which lasted only twenty five minutes. Senator Cullom gave notice of a speech on Cuba next Thursday rs had expected to start the wheels of actual business, but the appearance of ex-Speaker Crisp led to the customary ad journment as a mark of respect. A larenumber of bureau reports were re including that of the government directors of the Pacific railroad.

BOLTERS STAY OUT.

Do Not Attend the Republican Sena torial Cancus-The Dingley Bill Shelved.

Washington, Dec. 8.-The most noticeable feature of the Republican senate caucus, which assembled to-day, as seen from th outside, was the absence of the men who had bolted the nomination of McKinley because of the gold standard platform. Those who were absent on this account were Senstors Dubois, Pettigrew, Mantle, Cannon Squire and Teller, All of these excep-Senator Teller were in the city and could have attended if they had been so disposed Indeed, some of them were in their committee rooms in the capitol while the caucus was in progress. That their absence was intentional was clearly shown by the following letter which Senator Dubois sent to the caucus and which was read soon after the meeting was called to order by Senator Sherman:

To Hun, John Sherman, Chairman Caucus Republican Senators, Washington,

Sir. I hereby respectfully resign my poettion as secretary of the caucus of Re-publican senators. I also resign my pophotocan senators. I also resign my po-sition as a member and secretary of the Republican neighbor or "steering commit-tee" of the senate. Very truly yours. "PRED T. DUBOIS." The bolters had all received invitations.

which were sent them as if they had never left the party, but they had decided not to attent. They had found it impossible to communicate with Senator Teller, who has

ens chamber, and he was followed closely by Mesers, Wolcott, Mitchell, Shoup, Hans-Cameron, Pritchard, Perkins and

er when the question was before There were no long speeches in the cauand very few speeches of any char-. Senator Imbols resignation was re-ed without a word of comment. "We There was no formal motion to no copt the resignation, but, taking its ac-ceptance as a matter of fact, Senator-Lodge moved the election of Senator Wit-son, of Washington, in his stead, as see-

ting the bill through and to devise a means to that end if possible. It was the pre-

compars it, but the opinion seemed to be quite as general that this was not within the range of isosibility. The entire ques-tion was referred to the committee, with

nator Gear brought up the Pacific railroad question, as did Senator Lodge the immigration bill. The Pacific road bill was referred to the steering committee, but, after Mr. Lodge had explained the status of the immigration bill, the caucus de- Allen steamships,

HOUSE HARD AT WORK led to stand by that as a party measure 4 to press it for early consideration, to cancus also decided for an interna-mal agreement on silver by agreeing to he following resolution, introduced

> Resolved. That a special committee of five members of this caucus be appointed to recommend some plan whereby legislation may be hiel in this session of con-gress looking to an international conferce with the leading commercial nation

The action of the caucus in referring the

littee and the circumstances under which

this action was taken are accepted in the senate as practically the end of the agita ion in the interests of the measure debate in the causas developed that there were wide differences as to the advisability of attempting to pass the bill, even among the Republicans, and the opinion was expressed by some who were on the inside that fully one-third of the Rep lican senators, not including the sil olters, were antagonistic to the bill. The action of the silver Republican senors in refraining from attendance upon the Republican caucus has led to no little speculation as to whether the course pur-sued to-day is a foregunner of the future, or whether they will not at some time return to the party. Some Republicans think it possible that the recream senators re-gard to-lay's meeting as merely prelimin-ary and will come back into fold after a time. This supposition is apparently without foundation or justification. The silver senators are very chary about discussing their motives or intentions for the future. They decline to talk on the subject for publication, but from remarks dropped there can be no doubt they consider that they have attended their hast Republican

CUBAN QUESTION IN CONGRESS. Will Be Brought to the Front Again This Session-Resolutions Are

Being Drafted.

mucus. They say without exception, how-ever, that in taking the position they have

they do not mean to place themselves in

ariff policy, but rather that they desire to

e in an independent position, where the

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Cuban question will be forced upon the house committee on breign affairs again this session. Several of the most enthusiastic friends of the insurgent cause, who were disappointed by the fallure of the president to take action, are drufting resolutions, which will be referred to the committee, and must be disposed of in one way or another. Among them are Mr. Smith, of Michigan, and Mr. Sulzer, of New York, who contemplate oint resolutions requesting or instructing the president to recognize the belligerency or the independence of the revolutionists. Joint resolutions are the form of action deired from congress by the Cuban enthusinsts, because these demand definite action at the president's bands; he must either dgn them, veto them, or permit them to

ecome laws without his signature.

The senate committee on foreign relaions will meet to-morrow at 11 c'clock. It is understood that the Cuban question rill be at once considered. Nothing definits may be done at present, yet some of the most conservative senators, who opposed recognition in the last session now of the opinion that the time for ac-

WANT LAMONT TO EXPLAIN.

Senators and Congressmen Unrious to Know Why Contracts Have Not Been Let.

Washington, Dec. 8.-It is expected that a number of resolutions will be introduced congress inquiring of the secretary of war why contracts have not been made at various points for beginning river and harbor work, in accordance with the prosions of the river and harbor act; and also why certain work has not been or dered where contracts are not necessary. Senators and representatives for district for which appropriations have been made upon arriving in the city, have visited the war department with their complaints The replies received to the inquiries have not, as a rule, been satisfactory, and the expectation is that the secretary of war will be asked to make a public reply to

The Soldiers' Home Inquiry.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(Special.) The pecial committee appointed by congress to nvestigate the charges against Governor Smith, of the Soldiers' home at Leavenorth, wil hold a meeting to-morrow to hear additional testimony and will prob-ably extend its inquiry, under the prosions of the resolution, to matters affect -morrow, representing both sides of the question affecting the management.

The Federal Penitentinry.

Washington, Dec. E-(Special.) Repreentatives Blue and Brederick are working cure the incorporation of an item of \$25,000 in one of the appropriation bills a egin work on the new federal penitentlary at Fort Leavenworth.

WHALEY SIDETRACKED. John Sullivan's Job Given to an ex-

Actor and Clever Parlor En-Washington, Dec. 8 .- (Special.) Darwin

L. Whaley, who was designated clerk to the superintendent of construction of the Kansus City public building, has been transferred to St. Paul, and David C. Isange, of the District of Columbia, has been appointed by the treasury department to take John Sullivan's vacant desk.

Bangs has been a resident of Washington and was employed in the office of the supervising architect at \$1,400 a year. He is blighly intelligent man who has seen life. It was at one time a member of Robert he stage for a living. He is a good re-

citer and hus been in demand in local so-ciety as a clever entertainer.

It looks like "rubbing it in," to appoint a presidential candidate. However, us there is little or no work to be done during the winter and as Mr. Bangs' duties during the busy season will require only three or four perform will be to cash his safary conchers.

Emporia Postoffice Shortage,

exercise his admitted drawing power-

Emporia, Kar., Dec. 8.—(Special.) A chortage of \$720 has been found in the post-effice accounts here. Who is to blame for it has not yet been ascertained. The be have placed Miss Mary P. Richter charge. Every postmaster during th twenty years, except one, I. E. Lambert, has had similar trouble.

Clyde Senmen's Strike.

Glaspow, Dec. 8.—The strike of the Clyde seamen and firemen is extending. A de-termined attempt is promised for Thursday to block the sailings of the Anchor and

LEEDY'S \$100 MISSING

THE GOVERNOR-ELECT GAVE "NARY RED" TO THE CAMPAIGN FUND,

HIS SUBSCRIPTION A FICTION.

THE CREDIT FOR GIVING \$100 COST HIM NOTHING.

Subscription Was Not Made Until After He Was Elected, and Never Has Been Paid-E. E. Murphy's Chances Nil-Kansus Polities.

Erie, Kas., Dec. 8.-(Special.) It is alscol that James M. Alien, of this city, reasurer of the People's purty state central committee, bent the truth just a little when he made affidavit to the statement showing the amount of money received and expended by that committee during the re-

arguistmos tres Among other things the statement showed that J. W. Leedy, the governorelect, gave \$100 to the campaign fund. This is incorrect. Mr. Leedy never gave the committee a cent. According to a member of the state committee intimately associatel with the conduct of the campaign, Mr Leedy absolutely refused to donate to the fund. After the commuten was over and he discovered that he had been elected governor, he promised the committee a dona tion of \$100. The promise is all the committee has yet received.

According to this story, Mr. Leedy, while n Toneka, about the 1st of the present south, learned that the statement of recipts and expenses would soon be filed He glanced over the list of donors and as-certained that he was the only one of the candidates for state office who had not rendered some assistance. He felt ashamed to let this fact be made a matter of public record, so he told the committee to put his name down for \$100, and he would pay it later. This was done, and the committee is still carrying him. An effort is being later. made to keep the facts away from the oth

stretched the truth a trifle in his state ment. He should have opened up a "prom-ise to pay" column before he attached his affidavit to the statement and inserted Mr. Leedy's name there

The statement filed by Mr. Leedy himself at Lawrence shows that he gave \$100 to the state committee. This also is at variance with the statement of this member of the tiee, who says he knows whereof he

MURPHY OUT OF IT.

Democrats Refuse to Indorse Him for Office-Frank Strickland Succeeds Pepperell.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 8.-(Special.) The Democratic state central committee met o-day and adjourned without making any commendations for Democratic appointnents under the incoming Populist administration. An attempt was made to rush a esolution through demanding certain places, but after a hot fight it was de-This move was made by the friends of Ed Murphy, who are pushing him for state insurance commissioner. This was their last effort, and having failed to this Mr. Murphy will now probably withdraw from the race. Mr. Murphy partieipated in the proceedings of the meeting He had a proxy from the Leavenworth

The fight instituted on him last night was kept up until this afternoon, when his friends practically gave it up. This morning a delegation of Democrais friendly to Murphy was notified that it would be useless to push his candida-

further; that Governor-elect Legry had said so. They thought, however, that the dorsement of the state committee might hange things, but this was not secured. tion was adopted thanking W. H. L. Pepperell for his services rendered as secre-tary, and Frank P. Strickland, of Kansas City, Kas., was elected by a unanimous vote to fill the vacancy. The report of the treasurer was amilted and approved. It cas decided to take a poll of the state insmediately in order to find out the voting strength of each party making up the anti-Republican forces. This is the initial step oward the consolidation of all of these

James Fike and other prominent leaders James Fike and other prominent leaders in the free silver Democratic party have about decided that there is no use in any of their number asking for office. A hun-gry Democrat ple hunter struck Fike after the meeting and asked for his indorsement for a place. "It will do no good," said Fike, "our name is Pants. You might as said cell stop chasing office and go to work The Democrats all assembled around the National hotel lobby to-night in order to make an impression on Governor-elect Leedy that there were still a few of them left. Mr. Leedy surveyed the crowd from the top of the stairway, but did not seen in the least disturbed.

CHARGES AGAINST FRAKES.

Bryanism of the Register of the Wa-Keeney Land Office May Cost

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 8.-(Special.) Abe Frakes, register of the Wakeeney land ofice, is in the city to-day plending with the ound money Democrats to save his official head from the guillotine. Charges have been filed against him with the department one" who are billed to go. The charges ere filed by Colonel S. S. Reynolds, one the sound money Democratic electoral andidates at the recent election. Colone Reynolds has a "puil" with the administra-tion, and he feels confident that Frakes head will soon fall in the basket. There was a time when Frakes had a better standing with the department than Reynolds, but that passed when he for appointed receiver of the Wakeeney land office at the same time Frakes was named as register. They loved each other so dearthat the same building could not hold as to who had the biggest "pull," Frankes won out and Colonel Reynolds walked the plank. Now the colonel sees a fine op-portunity to get even. He has filed written charges with the department against his old enemy, and Frakes has been notified to how cause why he should not be dis charged. His visit here to-day is for the ion Democrats to intercede in his behalf.

MR. LEEDY HARD AT WORK.

Everything Running Full Blast in the Governor-elect's Office at

Topeka. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 8.-(Special.) Miss Augusta Hayes, stenographer of Governorelect Leedy, arrived from Kansas City, Kas., hist evening, and to-day everything is running at full blast at beadquarters in enger.

the Veale block. The governor-elect occu es one office, while his secretary. Ed Litand the stenographer have charge of the reception room. Mr. Leedy's entire time is taken up in listening to the claims of the pie bunters. He takes them one at Each one receives a number as b bes into the reception room, and as soon s the governor-elect gets through with officeseeker he turns him out a side or and then calls "next" through the or to the reception room. Correspond-ice is piling up so fast that another stenographer will be employed to assist in tak

END OF THE LAMBORN CASE.

The Accused Murderers of Farmer J. T. Lamborn Go Free at Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 8-(Special.) Phomas Davenport and Charlie and Annie Lumborn, charged with the murder of J. T. Lamborn, the father of Annie and Charie, walked out of the district court room to-day free, the case against them being dismissed on motion of County Attorney Rutherford. The attorneys for the defendints asked that a jury be impaneled, that the case might be regularly disposed of for all time, but Judge Meyers refused saying it was not necessary or proper that a jury should be called in the face of the application for dismissal on the part of the county attorney. Mr. Rutherford stated that he had been unable to secure the at-tendance of important witnesses for the state, mainly Derective Charles Schaeffer. who caused the arrests of the three de-fendants, and without whose evidence it would be useless to proceed to trial. It is understood that Davennort and Annie Lamborn, who have long been lovers, are to be married shortly.

PIE COUNTER BULLETIN.

Ex-Congressman Hudson After a Job-Ex-Senator Martin, Too.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 6.-(Special.) Ex-Congressman Jeff Hudson has finally yielded to the pressure brought by his friends and to-day announced his candidacy for state insurance commissioner.

John Martin has given up all hope of again being a United States senator, and is now after a place on the board of railway ommissioners.
It is given out quietly that J. Mack Love

is a caudidate for railroad commissioner also, but he denies it. It is charged that his fight on Ed Murphy for insurance con missioner is due to a bee located in his own bonnet for a job. James Bruce, an A. R. U. man at

imporia, is after a place on the state board Editor A. F. Hatton, of the Westphalia Times, is the latest Democratic candidate or a position on the state board of char-His announcement was sprung to-

TO REDEEM KANSAS.

Jayhawkers Apply to the National Committee for Help. Washington, Dec. 8.-(Special.) Repub-

licans propose to redeem Kansas from the clutch of Populism and will make active efforts to meet the free silver hosts with a propaganda for sound money and pro-tection. Several members to-day called on Mark Hanna and proposed that the Reproposed that the Republican national committee supply the state organization with Republican literature for distribution during the next two years. The plan is to make Topeka a distributing center, with a secretary in charge to handle the matter as it comes from the Washington headquarters. There will be another conference with the chalrman within the next few days.

ORDERED TO KEEP OFF THE GRASS Trespassers on the Capital Grounds to Be Arrested.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 8.—(Special.) At a neeting of the state executive council today an order was issued to arrest every person who fails to keep off the grass, or the place where the grass ought to grow, in the state house yard. J. A. Daily, a civil ngineer in the Santa Fe general offices has given notice that he will, as usual walk diagonally across the grounds to morrow morning on his way to work. A whether the order of the council can be enforced.

Gone to Pay an Election Bet. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 8.—(Special.) Carl Roof, a merchant of Topeka, went to Pawsee Rock, Kas., to-night to discharge an election bet. He is to wheel J. Spreyer, of hat place, around the public square, pre-seled by a brass band. Had Bryan won, Spreyer would have wheeled Roof are fare and band hire will amount to about \$10.

Atchison Police Board Slate.

Atchison, Kas., Dec. 8.—(Special.) It is eported in high Populistic circles that the colice board, chief of police and police udge have been decided upon by parties in power. J. G. Thayer, Pat Langen and Jim Waggener are said to be stated for members of the board, with Will Sullivan, chief, and Ernest Griffen po-

Larned, Kas., Jointist Convicted. Larned, Kas., Dec. 8.-(Special.) Ed Stafjointist, who escaped from custody and gave the officers such a hot chase

last week, was to-day convicted on two counts of seiling intoxicants in violation of the prohibitory law and sentenced to sixty days in jail and to pay a fine of \$300

Weir City, Kas., Dec. 8.—(Special.) C. S. Applegate, who was arrested on a charge f arson Sunday and released on \$500 b his appearance to-day, has jumped his

Has Lost His Right to Contest. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 8.—(Special.) J. R.

bond. The officers claim to have conclusive

eated by eight votes and threatened to

Tramps Floating Down the River. Atchison, Kas., Dec. 8,-(Special.) A boatorning from St. Joseph, bound for Kan-They were a hard looking

Escaped Prisoner Captured Weir City, Kas., Dec. 8.—(Special.) Dave Moody, who escaped from fail here last

June, was arrested this morning while a quiet visit home. Moody is wanted in Labette county for criminal assault. Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage to Wed. Sing Sing, N. Y., Dec. &-Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage and Miss Susie Mangan, of this

relatives of both persons. The exact date of the wedding has not been determined event will, in all probability, be

New York, Dec. 8.-Under a decision by the court of appeals, rendered to-day, steamboat company is liable for money or valuables stolen from a stateroom while

the room is actually occupied by a pass-

SPANISH ASSERT MOST POSITIVELY THAT HE IS DEAD.

FOUND ON A BATTLEFIELD.

SLAIN AFTER HE HAD FORCED THE WESTERN TROCHA.

HAD TURNED WEYLER'S FLANK.

WAS READY TO JOIN GOMEZ IN THE

VICINITY OF HAVANA.

Son of General Gomez Said to Have Perished With the Mulatto General-No Positive Proof of the Spanish State-

ments.

Havana, Dec. 8 .- It is stated in most posiive terms by the Spanish authorities that Antonio Macco, the great insurgent leader and the heart and soul of the Cuban cause. has been killed in Havana province, after having effected the pasage of the western trocha near Mariel, at its north extremity. With the Cuban leader, it is alleged, died the youth, Francisco Gomez, son of Maximo Gomez, who accompanied the mulatto general on his passage of the

trocha. Most explicit details of the finding of the orpse of the fallen Cuban and of the facts relied upon for their identification are at hand through the report of the Spanish ommander, Major Cirujeda, who contested the passage of the trocha unsuccess fully on December 4 (last Friday) with Maceo, and who sustained another conflict. vesterday with the forces under the insurgent leader. It was in a reconnoissance after the latter engagement that the Spanlards found the two corpses not separated in death, which they have identified as those of Antonio Maceo and Francisco Gomez.

The authorities now permit the publication of Major Cirujeda's official report that the engagement with Maceo on December 4, when he forced the trocha, was a fearful combat, which is the first official admission that Maceo brought with him across the trocha a considerable equipped following and fought a hot engagement to effect his passage.

After the Cubans had passed into Havana, the Spanish commander effected a fresh concentration in that province and Maceo had crossed the military line. This, awaited the arrival of Maceo. He had received confidential information of the proposed movements of the Cubans and arranged his forces accordingly. He had, in have recently increased in number about addition, received a detailed description of the capital. The stray bands of twenty to horse which Maceo was to ride, as well as of its caparisons. The expected have now swollen to the proportion of inof the engagement are given out for publication here.

After the fight, the Spanish troops made a reconnoissance of the ground previously held by the Cuban forces. Here was found the two corpses lying together, and, indeed, almost locked in an embrace of death. The one body was that of a mulatto, a stout man with gray, crispy hair and the other, that of a slender, dark haired

Both men were dressed in white liner duck suits. When the suit was removed from the corose of the elder of the two it was found to have under it a fine undershirt with the initials "A. M." upon it. The pair of black silk socks on this body contained the same initials worked in red ink. There was a gold ring on the finger, containing on the inner rim the engraved inscription, "Antonio Y. Maria."

A revolver with an Ivory handle, together with a small gold mounted telescope, were also found on the body. The head of the vounger man's body was resting upon the silver watch, an ammunition bag and several hundkershiefs bearing the initials 'F. G." Among the papers a letter from General Gomez to his son was found.

It is stated, in addition to the above par loolars, that there was found on the body of the younger man a letter written in penil, saying that be died rather than abanion the corpse of his general, Maceo. Such are the details of the identification

upon which the Spanish officers rely for their firmly expressed conviction that Antonio Maceo has met his end.

No news received since the outbreak of the insurrection has caused so great a sensation in Havana or has been deemed so encouraging to the Spanish cause. Since the famous raid of the Cubans across the whole of the island last year, when Macco invaded Pinar Del Rio while Gomez returned to the eastern provinces, the mulatto general has held his own in the western provinces against the utmost offorts of the Spanfards to disjodge him. He transferred the whole seat of war from the East to the West, and while his enemies claimed he had run into a trup and built a strong trocha across the Island to keep him there, he continued his indefatigable campaign and consistently claimed always that he could cross the trocha when he wished and effect a junction with Comez in the East.

The diary of Macco's operations found with the dead body, in addition to the details already stated, says that Macco himself was wounded before crossing the trocha in a skirmish at Vejeranom, De-

After crossing the trochs December 4 he joined the local Havana bands of the insurgents.

cember 3.

Major Cirujeda arrived in Havana at noon with the documents which had been taken from the bodies of Maceo and Francisco Gomez.

No positive proof of the death of General Maceo and Francisco Gomez has as yet been produced, and many believe that the Spanish announcement is without foundation, intended only to counteract the effect of the positive news that Maceo has outflanked General Weyler, crossed the famous trocha, and is in position to join Gomez in an attack on Havana, or in some

other equally important move. The report published in the United States wounded is declared to be absolutely false. New York, Dec. 8.—The World's copy-ighted cable from Havana says: The afternoon papers are out with ex-

The afternoon papers are out with extrus, seeming to confirm the reported death of General Antonic Masso.

The rumor, which first reached Havana last night, was that the retel leader, having left Pinar del Rio province, was killed in Havana province yesterday in an engagement with the Spanish troops, under Matthe Charles of the Wastle entreed. Punta Braya,

When attacked by Cirujeda's little column of 356 infantry and 126 cavalry, General Maceo, with from 3,000 to 4,000 followrs, occupied positions under the cover of a stone fence. Maceo was criven from the position by a brillant Spanish bayonet charge. The insurgents vainly attempted to make new stands. Successive efforts to use their machettes were each time par-ried, until finally, upon the adjoining estate of San Claudio, they broke in dison

CROSSING OF THE TROCHA.

Maceo Evaded Weyler and Soon Was Between Him and the Cuban Capital.

Havana, Dec. 8-It is now semi-officially admitted that Antonio Macco, the insurgent leader, passed the military line of Pinar del Rio on Friday last, near Mariel, the port at its northern extremity. He was accompanied by the son of Maximo

There was much excitement here when It became generally known that Maceo had crossed the military line with, it is understood, a strong force of insurgents, especially when coupled with the fighting be tween the Spanish troops and insurgents close to the city. It seems evident that the insurgent commander has not only cleverly turned the flank of Captain General Weyler, but has succeeded in getting in his rear and crossing the famous military line near the port which has been used as a base of supplies for the Spanish troops in Pinar del Rio. The importance of this movement cannot be exagger-

The exact whereabouts of General Weyley is not known, but he is believed to be hunting for Macco, in the mountains, in the extreme eastern part of Pinar del Rio, while the insurgent chief has seemingly doubled on his tracks, turned the flank of the Spanish general and passed in his rear in the direction of this city, crossing the military line at will, and possibly being at this time in the vicinity of the capital of

If Maximo Gomez has carried out the plan attributed to him, that of pushing westward to the support of Maceo, a junction of the two main bodies of the insurgent forces may be expected shortly,

Nothing appears to be known of the strength of the insurgent force with Antonio Maceo in this province. In fact, it was not until the news was being passed from person to person in the streets that the authorities would give a half-hearted admirsion of the truth of the report that it is believed, will alter the whole situation, and important events may occur within a short time.

There is no doubt that the insurgents thirty bandits met by the Spanish troops pattle occurred yesterday, but no details surgent forces of 20,000 to 40,000. It seems to be admitted and believed that Maceo will strike before Weyler can hurry back from Pinar del Rio. Indeed, it is currently reported that the captain general was wounded in an engagement with the insurgents before the latter crossed the military line, and that he may not be able to return here except as a prisoner of the

The authorities, naturally, are doing all in their power to minimize the crossing of the trocha by Maceo, and intimate that he is, as usual, accraing to the Spanish, running away from them. This does not alter the fact that he has escaped the hunter, and that the hunter may find dif-

ficulty in getting home. The friends of the insurgents here are overjoyed at the new turn taken in the campaign, and are boasting that Maced and Gomez will soon be knocking at the cials simply say; "Wait and see; the tim

But there is no denying that the suppuriers of Spain here to-day are looking much crestfallen and discouraged. Even defeat at the hands of the insurgents, i admitted, would have been better than the humiliation which the Spanish troops have suffered in being so skillfully outmaneuvered by the insurgents,

CAREER OF MACEO. Fought in the Ten Years' War and Has Been a Revolutionist

Ever Since.

Washington, Dec. 8.-Antonio Maceo was without question the most brilliant figure of the present revolution in Cuba. He effected a landing at Certe de Baranco on March 3L. With him were Flor Crombet and a number of officers. Maceo but been a member of General Comez' staff during the ten years' war, from 1968 to 1878, and command it large bodies of troops in the province of Santhigo de Cuba, in which province his family had lived, and where e owned a large plintiation. After the ten years' war Macco traveled in Central America, aftempting to taken a large force to invade Cuba and contest the soyitsed for a long time in retirement in Ja-lived for a long time in retirement in Ja-mains, and after that he returned to Cuba and lived very quietly on als plantation in the Eastern province, where he was very popular. In 1890 he was driven out of Cuba and came to New York.

At the time of the present outbreak he

was in Florida, and he joined a large ex-March, 1895, on the steamer Adirondac, for eight hours, and at last the leader were compelled to land on Fortune Island one of the West Indies. Theore Macand the other leaders made their way to

Cuba. In the great raid across the Island leby Maximo Gomez in 1825, Maceo was 11 chief coadjutor, and when Capitain Ger eral Campos had finally recoded with d a daring raid into the fertile provinof Pinar del Rio, where he devastated th great tobacco district and raised the whole province in revolt against Spain. There he has been ever since, with the Spainsh anthority in the province practically over

Time and again reports have been re-tived from Cuba of his defent and rout, s death in action or his suicide, always be refuted by his later activities. There is no doubt that many people will doubt the authenticity of the report now received of his death, though no previous report has given such exact details of the cir-cumstances of his death, or the facts of identification.

RUDOLPH BROCKMAN HELD FOR MURDER AT OSWEGO, KAS.

BRUTALLY ABUSED HIS CHILD.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL LEFT IN THE BARN TO DIE.

Found Desperately III, Clad in Rags and Recking With Filth-Died Shortly After She Was Discovered-Brockman and

the Benders.

Oswego, Kas., Dec. 8 .- (Special.) After # slious preliminary examination of eighteen hours, Rudolph Brockman, of Osage township, this county, charged with murder in the first degree, was bound over in the sum of \$10,000 to the February term of the district court, and, in defaut of ball, was committed to the county jail. He is accused of fiendishly mistreating his daughter, who died as a result of his inhumanity. The trial excited unusual interest, and is expected to outdo the famous Ashel trial, which attracted so much attention at the last February term of

court, in this county. Early in November Brockman brutally whipped his 17-year-old daughter, Mary Brockman, while she was helping him gather corn in the field, and then, tying her to the rear end of the wagon by the ankle, dragged her a quarter of a mile to the house, from which treatment she sustained injuries which brought on the illness that resulted in her death. When taken ill, the child was compelled to remain in the barn, with only a few old filthy rags and some hay for a bed. On November 10, Mary was, by chance, found in the barn in a pitiable condition, by her

uncie, Charles Heild, and another neighbor. In reply to their inquiries as to the reason for her being compelled to remain in the condition in which she had been found, her unnatural father declared that he did not propose to pay any dector's bills; and when the uncle offered to remain and care for the child that night, Brockman forbade it on the plea that he feared they would set the barn on fire,

The uncle and the neighbor remained, however, against the objections of Brockman. The next morning they summoned a shysician and the girl was removed to the home of another uncle, Jacob Kleinfeldter, where all care possible was given, but the poor child was too far gone, and on Noember 22 she died.

When found in the barn her condition was the most wretched that could be imagined. Clothed in tatters, she hay upon a wretched couch of old rags and hay, surrounded by fifth, which was smeared all over her person. Her right foot was bruised and black, and raw at the ankle; bruised and black, and raw at the ankie; her right hip had a harge, deep and decaying brubse, and the lower part of the trunk was blistered and decaying from the filth in which she wallowed during her delirium. Bits of broken hay was also mixed with the filth, and clotted into the fores of her buly.

Brockman's farm joins with the historia Bender farm, and he enjoys the distinction of having been their nearest neighbor during their murderous career in this county. After the horrifying butcheries of the ders were discovered and they had fled the county, Brockman was questioned in the hope of getting some evidence that would lead to the location of the fugitives, ut so mum did he remain, and so factory were his explanations, that sus-picion was created that he himself was connected with the nefarious work, and connected with the nefarious work, and after consultation, a body of masked menone night suddenly surrounded his house and, taking him to a tree, proceeded to
stretch him up a few times in order to
make him tell what he knew.

Frockman remained obstinate, however,
and after hanging him three times, until
he was almost lifelers, the citizens were

he was almost lifelers, the citizens were about to tie him up and leave him there while they rode away, when others of the neighbors appeared on the scene and plead-ed that his life be spared; and when it was earned that some of the masked men were recognized by those interceding for Brockman, they reluctantly turned him loose and llowed him to go home. But he has been shunned as a viper by his neighbors ever since, no one having anything to do with

and money, riches to the value of about \$10,000, and could have easily given his child better treatment if he desired. A ynching was narrowly averted at the time

He has accumulated in property, stock

CHEATED THE GALLOWS. Pennsylvania Murderer Took Poison and Died About the Time He Would Have Swung.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 8,-There was great excitement at the county jail at 6 clock this morning, when Warden Boland was aroused from his slumbers by one of the night watchmen, who reported to him that Munierer Abram Eckert, who was to have been executed at 10 o'clock to-day for the murder of Frederick T. Bittenbender on July 7, 1895, at Ninticoke, Pa., had taken poison and was dying. The warden knocked at Eckert's cell and found him breathing heavily. He quickly relephoned for physicians. The doctors at once apthe stomach pump, but Eckert died

When Eckert retired at midnight be was in good spirits. He had just bade his fam-ily farewell. The death watch was placed on him as usual. Enkert said he wanted to be awakened at 6 o'clock. At 6 o'clock one of the men on watch topped the mar-derer on the shoulder and told him to arise but his only response was rise, but his only response was a groun. Hew the poison reached the prisoner is a mystery. It is believed it was brought in by one of his relatives, and that Eckert ook the fatal dose shortly after he re-

tired. IT WAS "DYNAMITE DICK."

The Outlaw Shot Near Blackwell, O. T., Fully Identified. Blackwell, O. T., Dec. 8.-The dead outaw killed last Friday has been fully identiied as "Dynamite Dick." It is alleged that deputy marshals claimed it was "Black Craig" from jealousy arising from the fact that there was \$4.00 aggregate reward on

Kansas Boy in Jail for Incest. McPherson, Kas., Dec. 8.—(Special.) John Scherling, the 16-year-old son of Peter

scherling, one of the wealthiest and most influential farmers in this county, was lodged in jull here to-day, charged with cest, with his feeble-minded 14-year-old sister. The girl's mother suspected some-thing was wrong, and persuaded her to confess. The father then swore out a complaint. The family is highly respected.

St. Joseph Indictments.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 8 - (Special.) The ments this afternoon and was finally discharged. The indictments are against James R. Williamson for obtaining money by fulse pretenses, and against Lester Tay-